

Congresswoman Melissa Bean (IL-08), as part of her ongoing commitment to strengthening small businesses, will host over a dozen state and federal agencies at her second free **Small Business Federal Resources Seminar**, to connect small business owners with federal and state services on Monday, June 7, from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at McHenry County College in Crystal Lake.

“Our nation’s economic rebirth relies upon small businesses’ ability to innovate, develop, and market solutions that deliver measurable value to their clients,” Bean said. “As a former business owner, I recognize today’s many challenges, including getting access to capital, lowering energy costs, funding R&D, and training a workforce. Many small business owners may not have considered utilizing available federal resources that can help. My **Small Business Federal Resources Seminar** will provide them an opportunity to connect with federal and state agencies whose resources and programs could be useful to their business.”

Over a dozen agencies will meet with attendees during breakout sessions. Participating agencies include:

- Small Business Administration: loan programs and small business development tools
- Internal Revenue Service: small business tax incentives
- Illinois Dept. of Insurance: health care reform benefits for small business
- Commerce Department: export programs to link to targeted countries or clients, trade adjustment assistance
- Dept. of Energy: green energy/efficiency grants, tools or incentives
- Labor Department: workforce development
- Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE): business management consulting services
- Illinois Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC): local, state, and federal government contracting
- McHenry County Workforce Network: workforce recruiting, skills assessment and training
- U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Rural Development – loan and energy programs for businesses in small communities

All small business owners and representatives are welcome to attend this **free** event. For further information, call Congresswoman Bean’s District Office during business hours at (847) 517-2927. If you wish to RSVP, please email il08outreach@mail.house.gov

WHO: Congresswoman Melissa Bean, 8th District, and representatives from:

- Small Business Administration
- Internal Revenue Service
- Illinois Dept. of Insurance
- Commerce Department
- Dept. of Energy
- Labor Department
- Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)
- Illinois Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC)
- McHenry County Workforce Network
- U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Rural Development

WHAT: Small Business Federal Resources Seminar

WHERE: McHenry County College - MCC Conference Center, Building B, 8900 U.S. 14,
Crystal Lake, IL 60012-2761

WHEN: 7:30 a.m. - 11:00 am, Monday, June 7, 2010